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RHODE ISLAND ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT DECLINES SEASONALLY IN JULY

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island decreased by 6,700 jobs in July, mainly due to vacation-related plant closings in Manufacturing industries combined with seasonal declines in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 424,700 in July. Although this figure represents a decline of 6,700 from the June level of 431,400, it is 1,000 above the July 1985 total of 423,700.

MANUFACTURING

Reflecting decreases caused primarily by plants closing for vacations, total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island dropped by 4,300 in July. The current level of 115,500 is also 1,700 less than the year ago figure of 117,200. In the Durable Goods category, the July employment total of 79,400 fell 2,900 from the prior month and was 500 below the figure reported a year ago. Payrolls in the Nondurable Goods producing industries decreased 1,400 in the June-July period to a level of 36,100, and were down 1,200 compared to the July 1985 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly job declines occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-900), followed by the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-600), Fabricated Metals (-400) and Electrical Machinery (-300). In addition, monthly employment reductions of 200 each were registered in Primary Metals and Transportation Equipment, while decreases of 100 each were posted in Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments. Employment in Lumber/Furniture was un-

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DES SURVEYS SELECTED RHODE ISLAND MANUFACTURERS

Many Rhode Island employers were recently asked to participate in the 1986 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey. This program, administered by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, provides basic information on the occupational distribution of jobs in the State. The survey is conducted annually but focuses each year on only a selected segment or segments of the State's economy. In 1986 the OES survey concentrates on Rhode Island's manufacturing industries.

The data gleaned from the survey has many uses which include being a major component in developing projections of occupational needs. Current and projected occupational information is an important tool in determining training requirements and providing counseling for persons who are making career decisions.

The OES data also allows employers to compare their firm's occupational composition with their particular industry as a whole. Additionally, OES information can be helpful in market research targeted toward specific groups of workers and in developing company staffing strategies. All information provided by employers is confidential and is not published in such a manner as to be attributable to a specific employer.

DES greatly appreciates the cooperation shown by the many employers selected for this latest, as well as previous, surveys. Further information concerning the Occupational Employment Statistics program is available by writing to OES Research and Statistics, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. 02903.

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NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, ...847-3680
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Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
Total Placements	1,997	1,003	1,940
New Applications	3,354	2,586	4,257
New Openings Rec'd.	2,541	2,525	3,156

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	July 1986	June 1986	% Change June 1986
Initial Claims	10,827	11,295	- 4.1
No. of Payments	50,516	40,563	+ 24.5
Amt. of Payments	$ 6,121,916	$ 4,992,944	+ 22.6
Exhaustions	1,103	899	+ 22.7

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
Initial Claims	3,450	3,460	3,359
No. of Payments	25,783	23,115	24,310
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,423,431	$ 3,021,452	$ 3,094,480

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
Civilian Labor Force	504.3	510.4	502.8
Unemployment	20.4	18.6	28.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.6	5.7
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.5	3.7	5.0

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
Civilian Labor Force	329.6	328.8	326.2
Unemployment	11.9	10.9	16.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	3.3	5.0

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
Civilian Labor Force	165.5	165.3	166.0
Unemployment	7.3	7.3	9.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	4.4	5.4

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
Civilian Labor Force	35,765	34,585	35,070
Unemployment	980	860	1,095
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.7	2.5	3.1

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
MAY 19-23, 1986

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	11,143	100.0
Men	5,798	52.0
Under 45	4,228	72.9
45 and over	1,570	27.1
Women	5,345	48.0
Under 45	3,775	70.6
45 and over	1,570	29.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	969	8.7
Manufacturing	5,480	49.2
Public Utilities	367	3.3
Wholesale and Retail	1,938	17.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	284	2.5
Service	1,604	14.4
All Other	501	4.5
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,554	13.9
Clerical and Sales	2,572	23.2
Service	1,119	10.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	117	1.0
Processing	300	2.7
Machine Trades	1,303	11.7
Bench Work	1,404	12.6
Structural Work	1,403	12.6
Miscellaneous	1,186	10.6
INA	185	1.7

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM			
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985		June 1986		July 1985
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	424.7	431.4	423.7	-	6,700	+	1,000
MANUFACTURING	115.5	119.8	117.2	-	4,300	-	1,700
NONMANUFACTURING	309.2	311.6	306.5	-	2,400	+	2,700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	16.4	16.1	16.4	+	300		-
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.2	13.9*	13.6	+	300	+	600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	95.8	95.7	95.2	+	100	+	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.7	23.6	23.6	+	100	+	100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	103.0	105.0	102.0	-	2,000	+	1,000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.1	57.3	55.7	-	1,200	+	400

1986 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1985 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	July 1985	July 1986	July 1985	July 1986	July 1985
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.5	119.8	117.2	-4300	-1700	$317.99	$303.24	40.1	39.9	$7.93	$7.60
DURABLE GOODS	79.4	82.3	79.9	-2900	- 500	317.58	302.88	40.2	39.8	7.90	7.61
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 200	379.89	343.62	40.5	41.3	9.38	8.32
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 100	- 100	404.50	381.07	40.9	40.8	9.89	9.34
PRIMARY METALS	5.8	6.0	5.7*	- 200	+ 100	388.94	372.59	42.6	42.1	9.13	8.85
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.7	9.4	- 400	- 100	291.13	277.80	40.1	39.8	7.26	6.98
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6*	5.7*	5.4	- 100	+ 200	419.99	405.03	42.9	42.5	9.79	9.53
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.8	12.1	11.8	- 300	0	300.00	282.27	40.0	38.3	7.50	7.37
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.5	9.7	9.8	- 200	- 300	407.95	408.22	39.8	40.1	10.25	10.18
INSTRUMENTS	5.4*	5.5*	5.4*	- 100	0	322.98	306.16	42.0	42.7	7.69	7.17
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.8	22.7	22.7	- 900	- 900	248.61	239.90	39.4	39.2	6.31	6.12
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.7	6.3	5.3	- 600	+ 400	256.20	231.42	36.6	34.8	7.00	6.65
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.1	37.5	37.3	-1400	-1200	319.60	303.20	40.0	40.0	7.99	7.58
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.2	3.2	- 100	- 100	277.25	248.57	38.4	37.1	7.22	6.70
TEXTILES	10.0	10.6	10.4	- 600	- 400	288.67	279.05	40.6	40.5	7.11	6.89
APPAREL	3.1	3.3	3.2	- 200	- 100	272.00	246.77	41.4	38.8	6.57	6.36
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	305.03	295.32	41.5	42.8	7.35	6.90
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.5	6.5	6.4	0	+ 100	429.52	402.62	38.8	38.9	11.07	10.35
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	3.2*	0	- 400	422.82	407.18	40.5	40.8	10.44	9.98
RUBBER PRODUCTS	.7	.7	.7	0	0	343.44	319.71	42.4	41.2	8.10	7.76
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.5	5.5	- 400	- 400	303.41	301.32	38.7	39.7	7.84	7.59
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 100	0	215.05	214.65	39.1	40.5	5.50	5.30

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changed from the preceding month. Compared to a year ago, the most sizable payroll increase (+400) was evident in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing industry. Also up from their year earlier employment levels were Lumber/Furniture and Nonelectrical Machinery (+200 each) and Primary Metals (+100). Annual job declines were recorded in Jewelry-Silverware (-900), Transportation Equipment (-300), Stone-Clay-Glass, and Fabricated Metals (-100 each). Employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries was unchanged for the 12 month period.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Textile payrolls dropped 600 from the previous month. In addition, employment in Plastics Products and Apparel fell by 400 and 200, respectively. Monthly job declines of 100 each were reported in Food-Beverage and Leather Products, while the remaining Nondurable Goods industries stayed at their June employment levels. On an annual comparison, payroll advances of 100 each occurred in Paper Products and Printing-Publishing. Contrary to this, annual job declines of 400 each were posted in Textiles, Chemical Products and Plastics Products, followed by decreases of 100 each in Food-Beverage and Apparel. Employment in Rubber Products and Leather Products showed no change compared to a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing establishments fell by 2,400 in the June-July period, primarily as a result of education-related declines in Service and Government. While the current total of 309,200 is below the June figure, it is 2,700 greater than the July 1985 level of 306,500.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Service employment reflected the most substantial monthly decline (-2,000) mainly due to seasonal decreases in private education. Nevertheless, Service Jobs, at 103,000 were up 1,000 compared to the previous July. Total Government employment dropped 1,200 from its June level to 56,100; however, this figure represents 400 more jobs than a year ago. As the result of a monthly gain of 300, Contract Construction employment advanced to 16,400, but showed no change from the same month a year ago. Payrolls in Transportation and Public Utilities registered a monthly increase of 300, due mainly to the settlement of a labor dispute. At 14,200, this segment was 600 above the July 1985 level. Wholesale and Retail Trade, at 95,800, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 23,700, each recorded a monthly gain of 100 workers. Compared to a year ago, the former industry rose 600, while the latter was up 100.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $7.93 in July. This represents a 33 cent per hour gain compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.6 of an hour in July to 40.1 hours. However, this is 0.2 of an hour higher than in July 1985. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $317.99 in July. Although this represents a decline of $3.95 from last month, it is $14.75 more than was reported a year ago.

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